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Closing Versicles.

Closing Jubilee Services 7:45 p.m. (D.S.T.)

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1 I LOVE THY ZION, LORD

I love Thy Zion, Lord,
The house of Thine abode,
The Church our blest Redeemer saved
With His own precious Blood.

I love Thy Church, O God!
Her walls before Thee stand,
Dear as the apple of Thine eye,
And graven on Thy hand.

For her my tears shall fall,
For her my prayers ascend;
To her my cares and toils be given,
Till toils and cares shall end.

Beyond my highest joy
I prize her heavenly ways,
Her sweet communion, solemn vows,
Her hymns of love and praise.

Jesus, Thou Friend divine,
Our Saviour and our King,
Thy hand from every snare and foe
Shall great deliverance bring.

Sure as Thy truth shall last,
To Zion shall be given
The brightest glories earth can yield,
And brighter bliss of heaven. Amen.

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2 O WORSHIP THE KING.

O worship the King, all-glorious above,
And gratefully sing His wonderful love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded praise.

O tell of His might and sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, Thy power hath founded of old:
Hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast like a mantle the sea.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender! how firm to the end
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

O measureless Might! ineffable Love!
While angels delight to hymn Thee above,
The humble creation, though feeble it lays,
With true adoration shall sing to Thy praise. Amen.

3 O WHERE ARE KINGS AND EMPIRES NOW?

O where are kings and empires now,
Of old that went and came?
But, Lord, Thy Church is praying yet,
A thousand years the same.

We mark her goodly battlements
And her foundations strong:
We hear, within, the solemn voice
Of her unending song.

For not like kingdoms of the world
Thy Holy Church, O God!
Though earthquake shocks are threatening
The tempests are abroad.

Unshaken as th' eternal hills,
Immovable she stands,
A mountain that shall fill the earth,
A house not made with hands. Amen.

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4 NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD.

Now thank we all our God
With heart and hands and voices
Who wondrous things hath done,
In Whom His world rejoices;
Who, from our mother's arms,
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in His Grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills,
In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son and Him Who reigns
With Them in highest heaven;
The One Eternal God
Whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now
And shall be evermore. Amen.

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5 A CHARGE TO KEEP I HAVE.

A charge to keep I have,
A God to glorify,
A never-dying soul to save,
And fit it for the sky.

To serve the present age,
My calling to fulfill;
O may it all my powers engage
To do my Master's will.

Arm me with jealous care,
As in Thy sight to live;
And O, Thy servant, Lord, prepare
A strict account to give.

Help me to watch and pray,
And on Thyself rely,
Assured, if I my trust betray,
I shall for ever die. Amen.

The following poems, specially written by the undersigned, a son of the St. John's Lutheran Congregation are given as a contribution to help make the observance of the 50th ANNIVERSARY more complete.

They have been designed as hymns, tunes for which were selected from either Sunday School or Church hymnals, and to be used at the services Sept. 2 to 6, 1936.

Collins Trittenbach,

Williams Township, Pa.

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6 THANKS TO THEE.

Dear Lord, we ask Thou wilt
  Continue love to show,
As to the church our fathers built
  Just fifty years ago.

We thank Thee for Thy Word
  Our fathers gave to us,
Providing for the call they heard
  In Thy love bounteous.

We, as Thy children, Lord,
  Delight to do our part;
We know bestowal of Thy Word
  Ennobles our heart.

For this half century
  We have obeyed the call:
"Deny thyself and follow me"
  And "Ye shall never fall."

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7 THANKS FOR THE CHURCH.

We acclaim to highest heaven,
  As our voices we would raise,
That in our congregation
  We today can give Thee praise;
Join in songs that make us happy
  For the rest of our days.

Here, O Lord, the church was planted
  In the midst of fields and trees;
Here Thy word has been expounded
  Which from guilt a sinner frees;
Here Thy children were instructed
  In Thy Law on bended knees.

Hopeful that a sure foundation
  Has been laid for future years;
Leaders crowned in their devotion
  Contravening unseen fears;
And may they for all their efforts
  Be rewarded through their tears.

8 THE CHURCH'S TASK

The duty of the church today
  To keep itself alive,
Is problematic, laymen say,
  Who toward ideals strive.
'Tis now that faithful members ask
  Questions that touch the soul,
And shift upon the church the task
  To make them pure and whole.

It's in our day that greater needs
  Arise within the church;
Each member in his thoughts and deeds
  Through faith should watch and search;
So church's task to help men gain
  On life a clearer hold,
Is in strong Christian living train,
  And reap great joys untold.

Upon the church a special task
  To claim our "Lord of all,"
Brings light out from behind the mask
  And lifts those who might fall.
Let every church throughout the land
  Its mission truly fill;
Its members, Gospel Truth demand
  And work God's holy will.

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9 THANKS FOR ALL

For all Thy love, dear Lord, our thanks we give;
We're happy here a churchly life to live;
We thank Thee for the fathers who of old
Provided for true worship with their gold.

We honor those who nigh a hundred years
Founded a church here, hopeful it appears;
Their inspiration fanned by gentle breeze,
And planned to build while meeting neath the trees.

Then fathers saw it fifty years ago,
Through sincere faith their church would thrive and grow;
Our house of worship was their fondest dream
Where offspring has become its living stream.

Through all these years so many came and went,
Their watchwords, "Service" and "Accomplishment."
They, on the whole to carry on Thy Will,
Helped our hearts with Christian zeal to fill.

History in brief of

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Among their number were two adjoining property owners who gave assurance that land could be had for such a purpose; one was George Bruch, from whom One Hundred perches was acquired and used for cemetery purposes; the other was John I. Unangst, from whom Eighty perches of land was acquired, and on which the Union Church was built.

Who the first Lutheran pastor was has not been determined, but in

1844—The Union church was built.

1853—Land acquired for church purposes from John I. Unangst containing One Acre and Seventy-two perches.

1875—Lot bought from Owen Walter for a church shed

1877—One Acre of land bought from Joseph Kiefer for cemetery purposes; Rev. J. Q. Upp was the pastor.

1886—Lot of land containing Thirty and Thirty-four One Hundred twenty-first perches bought from Joseph Kiefer on which the new church now stands. Rev. C. E. Sandt was the pastor.

1892—Constitution for the congregation adopted. It called for the annual election of Two elders, Four Deacons, One Treasurer, a Secretary and minor officers.

1900—Last tract of land containing Two Acres and Twenty-four perches purchased from Joseph Kiefer and added to the cemetery. Rev. G. D. Druckenmiller was the pastor. The Lutheran Quarterly adopted in the Sunday School.

1910—Lutheran Sunday School hymn book put into use.

1914—New constitution and by-laws adopted in the congregation; it called for Nine Deacons three of whom are to be elected annually, and one of whom is to be Treasurer and one Secretary. Elders were hereby abolished. Rev. L. S. Trump became the new pastor.

1918—Three plots in rear of church cut from cemetery tract and added to church lot by purchase.

1924—Piano dedicated for Sunday School use. Rev. W. A. Lambert was the pastor.

1928—Electric lights installed in church.

1930—Remodeling of church interior; memorial windows installed; rededication services May 11; Rev. F. K. Fretz, pastor.

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